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**Letter dated 10 May 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I enclose herewith the text of the Declaration of Fundamental Principles of the Inter-Congolese Political Negotiations, signed in Lusaka on 4 May 2001 by the Congolese parties to the Agreement for Ceasefire in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (see annex).

It would be appreciated if the same is circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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*[Original: English and French]*

# Declaration of Fundamental Principles of the Inter-Congolese Political Negotiations, signed by the Congolese parties to the Agreement for Ceasefire in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lusaka, 4 May 2001

## Declaration of fundamental principles accepted by the Congolese signatories to the Lusaka Agreement

### I. Preamble

*Recalling* the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement and our agreement to do our utmost to facilitate inter-Congolese political negotiations which should lead to peace, national reconciliation and a new political dispensation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, we, the Congolese Parties, namely the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Congolese Rally for Democracy and the Movement for the Liberation of the Congo, hereby solemnly reconfirm our commitment to the following principles:

### II. Principles

1. The reaffirmation of our respect for all the provisions of the Lusaka Agreement.

2. The sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

3. National reconciliation and a new political order as the basis for rebuilding a Democratic Republic of the Congo where the people are united, reconciled and free of tribalism, regionalism, ethnicism and all forms of hatred.

4. The promotion of an environment for lasting peace, security and stability in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the subregion.

5. The inclusion of the political opposition and the representatives of the *Forces Vives* of the nation in the inter-Congolese political negotiations, within which all participants have equal status.

6. The freedom of the political opposition and the *Forces Vives*, in all the provinces, at the invitation of the Facilitator after consultations with the Congolese parties, to designate their representatives to the Inter-Congolese Dialogue.

7. Consensus as the means for adopting all decisions regarding issues discussed during the inter-Congolese political negotiations.

8. Recognition, by all parties, of the binding nature of all resolutions adopted by consensus during the inter-Congolese political negotiations.

9. The organization of free, democratic and transparent elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo after the transitional period.

10. The formation of a restructured, integrated national army.

11. The utilization of the natural resources of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the interests of the whole country and for the improvement of the living standards of the Congolese people.

12. A final, irrevocable halt to all acts of violence against civilians through respect for and observance of human rights.

13. Support for humanitarian assistance across the whole country.

14. The principles in this declaration have been drawn up in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Lusaka Agreement, the provisions of which take precedence at all times.

This declaration has been produced in two versions, one French, and one in English; the French version remains the original.

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The Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo

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Movement for the Liberation of Congo

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Congolese Rally for Democracy

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Lusaka, 4 May 2001